

## **VERSION SHOWING CHANGES**

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

#### **1. Related Application**

5 [This application claims priority to the United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/226,187, filed August 18, 2000, titled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR JOB-BASED ACCOUNTING."]

This application claims priority to both United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/226,187, filed 18 August, 2000, entitled, *Methods and Systems for Job Based Accounting* to Steven B. Smith et al. and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/198,961 filed April 21, 2000, entitled *Method and System for Managing Spending Through Account Allocation* to Steven B. Smith et al., hereby incorporated by reference.

#### **2. Field of the Invention**

15 The present invention relates generally to computer-based resource management systems, and, more particularly, to the job-based management of a business' financial resources through the allocation of resources to various user-defined accounts in an automated environment.

#### **20 3. Background**

Often individuals or businesses need and desire to achieve some measure of control over their financial affairs. Several software accounting programs have been developed to aid a business in managing its financial resources. Some of these programs include a budgeting system that allows a business to see where its money is invested or spent. Some of these

programs further provide the user with the ability to perform several types of financial transactions on-line, including the ability to pay bills and to receive updated information with respect to cleared transactions from financial institutions such as banks and credit card companies.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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